

REMARKS

All claims have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as anticipated by Laufer. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

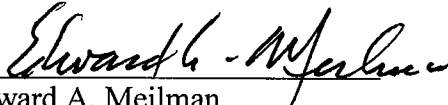
Laufer describes a radiation curable ink which contains an acrylic monomer or oligomer, photoreactive resin, photoinitiator, free radical inhibitor and pigment. The Office Action identifies the photoreactive resin as a solvent-soluble resin but it is respectfully submitted this characterization is not correct. The photoreactive resin is a reaction product of benzoylbenzoic acid and an epoxidized oil and is stated to be a unique material at column 7, lines 49-52 and column 8, lines 16-17. The synthesis of the resin is described in column 8 and the finished resin is indicated to be a hard thermoplastic at column 8, lines 49-50. There is nothing in the reference which teaches or suggests that this hard thermoplastic is solvent-soluble.

The Office Action indicates at top of page 3 that the solvent-soluble resin can also be nitrocellulose, acrylate, methacrylate, polyester, polyamide, copolymer of styrene and maleic anhydride, polyurethane and epoxy and cites column 3, lines 1-15. No such disclosure appears at the cited passages nor has been located elsewhere in the reference. Withdrawal of the rejection is therefore respectfully solicited.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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